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TAGS: PFOR PINT ECON MP  
SUBJECT: MAURITIUS WEEKLY REVIEW - MARCH 4 (SUMMARY)

REF: PORT LOUIS 0170

THE LABOR PARTY AND THE MAURITIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PMSD) HAVE CONCLUDED AN ELECTORAL ALLIANCE FOR THE APRIL 24 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO CONFRONT THE MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM). LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT COALITION AND OF THE MMM BOTH CLAIM THIS WILL HELP THEIR SIDE. THE COALITION IS PROBABLY TESTING THIS TACTIC FOR USE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS LATER ON, IF IT WORKS. THE NEW ASSEMBLY CONVENED MARCH 1. THE MMM APPEARED TO SCORE MORE POINTS IN THE DEBATE ON THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE, PARTLY BECAUSE THE LABOR SPOKESMAN, A NEW DEPUTY NAMED PURRYAG, SPENT AS MUCH TIME CRITICIZING THE PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT AS HE DID PRAISING ITS NEW PROGRAMS AND PROMISES. JUGNAUTH AND BERENGER OF THE MMM DISPLAYED THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE A FORECEFUL OPPOSITION VOICE IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF PORT LOUIS ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM OF RECONCILING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH WITH MARXIST IDEOLOGY IN HIS LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER. THE MMM WAS HAPPY WITH THE LETTER BECAUSE OF ITS "REFUSAL TO ANATHEMATIZE MARXISM," AND THE CONSERVATIVE

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CERNEEN, VOICE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PRAISED THE BISHOP'S STAND AGAINST ATHEISM, TOTALITARIANISM, DICTATORSHIP AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE.  
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